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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: WASHING MACHINE (as amended)

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**REPLY IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Amendments to the Drawings**

**Remarks/Arguments**